

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held November 7, 2013

Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman
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Regulation No. 16A-6917 (#2972)
Bureau of Professional and Occupational
Affairs
Schedule of Civil Penalties - Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists and
Professional Counselors

On August 27, 2012, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 43b. The proposed regulation was published in the September 8, 2012 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 20, 2013.

The regulation adds Section 43b.24, establishing a schedule of civil penalties for violations related to licensed social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (63 P.S. § 2205(a)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.



Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III, Chairman